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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HUSBAND AND WIFE SENTENCED IN MORTGAGE FRAUD SCHEME

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MONIQUE HAWKINS, 36 and GERARD HAWKINS, 37, both of Indianapolis, Indiana, were sentenced late yesterday by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following their conviction at trial in April 2004. MONIQUE HAWKINS was sentenced to 51 months imprisonment for four counts of Mail Fraud and GERARD HAWKINS was sentenced to 87 months imprisonment for 23 counts of Mail Fraud and Money Laundering. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed three years supervised release for both following imprisonment.

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